DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Yes.

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): I would like to say that if this experiment turns out successful it would be of the greatest possible help to *puncha* cultivators in Kuttanad.

The demand was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XVI—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Sir, I move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 5,550 under Demand XVI—Medical Department.

This amount is required for the opening of two dispensaries, one at Tovala and the other at Edathua. It covers the expenditure for the remaining 7 months of the year. It will be noticed that the amount asked for each of these dispensaries is slightly higher than what it used to be in previous years for similar dispensaries. That is because instead of two Sub-Assistant Surgeons two Assistant Surgeons are proposed to be appointed. I must not be understood to say that the two new Assistant Surgeons are to be put in charge of these dispensaries. It only means that there is to be an increase by two in the cadre of Assistant Surgeons.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know from the learned Minister of Health what happened to the provision that has already been made for opening some new dispensaries.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): That provision has not been utilised yet.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): How is it that no action has yet been taken?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Action is being taken. The medical equipment for the dispensaries is not ready yet.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know when these dispensaries will be opened?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Some may be opened in less than 2 months.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I beg to oppose this motion also. (*Laughter.*) My object is to bring to the notice of Government certain serious defects in the medical relief given to the people at large. The first defect that I have to mention is the want of knowledge on the part of Travancore Medical men about the recent advances in the treatment of diseases. Well it is a very serious charge that I make. But I am constrained to do so from the various instances which have come to my knowledge. For example there was a case near my house of a pregnant lady who went to the Hospital to get a purgative. A purgative was given after examination by the medical man.

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MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): We are at the grant for two dispensaries for Tovala and Edathua, Sir.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): My point is that unless medical men keep themselves abreast of the times and know the latest methods of correct treatment the increase in the number of dispensaries will, instead of being a *boon*, be a *curse*.

As regards the instance that I referred to, the lady took the purgative. The next day she had a number of motions. (*Laughter.*) The motion did not stop and on the third day she was taken to the Hospital—motions from the bowels (*laughter.*) and in the hospital she died. There was another instance of a girl student who was attending school. She had headache and she was treated by a medical man. In 5 or 6 days she also succumbed. Some injections were given and probably they might have been the cause. These are some of the instances which have come to my notice. There are other instances also where the practice of inconsiderate drugging has given rise to great dangers and even loss of life.

In this connection I should like to read from a great authority on medicine. The quotation is from Dr. Osler who was Professor of *Materia Medica* at the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, W. S., and who now holds a Professorship at the Oxford University. This is the quotation:

"The new school does not feel itself under obligation to give any medicines whatever, while a generation ago not only could few physicians have held their practice unless they did, but few would have thought it safe or scientific. Of course, there are still many cases where the patient or the patient's friends must be humoured by administering medicine or alleged medicine where it is not really needed, and indeed often where the buoyancy of mind which is the real curative agent, can only be created by making him wait hopefully for the expected action of medicine; and some physicians still cannot unlearn their old training. But the change is great. The modern treatment of disease relies very greatly on the old so called 'natural' methods, diet and exercise, bathing and massage, in other words, giving the natural forces the fullest scope by easy and thorough nutrition, increased flow of blood and removal of obstructions to the excretory systems or the circulation in the tissues.

"One notable example is typhoid fever. At the outset of the 19th century it was treated with 'remedies' of the extremest violence—bleeding and blistering, vomiting and purging and the administration of antimony and mercury and plenty of other heroic remedies. Now the patient is bathed and nursed and carefully tended, but rarely given medicine. This is the result partly of the remarkable experiments of the Paris and Vienna Schools in the action of drugs, which have shaken the stoutest faiths; and partly of the constant and reproachful object-lesson of homeopathy. No regular physician would ever admit that the homeopathic preparations, 'infinitesimals', could do any good as direct curative agents; and yet it was perfectly certain that homeopaths lost

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[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

no more of their patients than others. There was but one conclusion to draw,—that most drugs had no effect whatever on the *diseases* for which they were administered."

So, what I wish to press upon the attention of the Government is that unless Government take steps to see that their Medical Officers, instead of sticking to their old dangerous drugging methods, learn recent advances in the treatment of diseases there is no use in increasing the number of dispensaries. On the other hand it will be a curse to the people. The increase in the number of dispensaries instead of decreasing the human diseases has tended to increase them.

And from the principles of natural therapeutics now enunciated by great physicians the cause is not far to seek. It is by the indiscriminate application of poisonous drugs into the system, that serious danger arises. The administering of poisonous drugs should not be resorted to recklessly. I have also several other things to press upon the attention of Government. As it is time I content myself with saying so much.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I have great pleasure to support the point of view advanced by my friend Mr. G. Raman Menon. It is high time that the people and the Government thought very seriously about the question of appropriate treatment accorded to patients. Many of our Doctors have been responsible for stories of this nature, stories of tragi-comic nature. They have been tragic to the people concerned and comic to the hearers, as we are. But it is high time indeed, that we thought more seriously about this question. Government are bestowing all their patronage to a particular system of treatment. But when people who are acquainted more closely with that system and who have been devoting all their life to experiments in that system, when such men come forward and say that it is time to revise our notions of treatment we are still groping in the dark. Mr. G. Raman Menon has sounded a note of warning to the Government that if they cannot stem the tide, at least, they can open up possibilities and avenues to facilitate new experiments. There is the naturopathic system; and why not Government try it? That may not do harm.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Torala*): May I know whether the member proposes this prescription to his enemies or to his friends? (*Laughter.*)

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): So I would very strongly expect the Government to go into the matter not in this jovial manner but with a serious attitude, because it affects the life and death of the people.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Sir, I am greatly obliged to Mr. G. Raman Menon for having enlightened this House on the necessity for medical men to keep abreast of the times. I do admit that this is very important but that is no reason why this grant should be objected to by this House. The instances that

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Mr. Raman Menon quoted, are really unfortunate. But one has to enquire into the real causes of these cases before coming to a conclusion. In the same way it is not possible to quote instance after instance where our medical men and women have been doing wonderful work for relieving the people of this land ?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the member is aware that aqua among natural elements does not play a great part in the medical world ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Yes.

The medical profession is realising daily that drugs are not the only things that can cure diseases. Natural elements are also needed in the treatment of disease. But from this I fail to see how far Mr. Raman Menon has drawn the general conclusion that the Medical Department of the State is not doing good work.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know how many experts are now employed in the General Hospital—such as surgical expert, throat expert and so on ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): I do not think this has any connection with the question I am now at.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): It has a connection when the question of posting certain officers in certain places comes. There are so many experts in country parts; but in the General Hospital, where expert knowledge is required, there are no experts.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): This is beside my point. I trust the House will see its way to grant this demand.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): തോവാള, ഇടഞ്ഞവ ഈ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ പ്രത്യേക ഡിസ്പെൻസറികൾ കൊടുക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ് ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): People have been petitioning the Government for opening dispensaries in these places.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഉൾനാടുകളിലുള്ള ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വൈദ്യസഹായം ചെയ്യുന്നതിന് ഇപ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽ നിന്നും എന്താണ് ചെയ്യുവരുന്നത്. പട്ടണങ്ങളിൽ ധാരാളം ആസ്പത്രികൾ ഉണ്ട്. വീണ്ടും ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഉൾനാടുകളിലെ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു വൈദ്യസഹായം കിട്ടുന്നില്ലെന്നുള്ളതിനെ അറിയാമോ?

MRS M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): The dispensaries sanctioned recently by this House are mostly in rural areas. The Medical Board have also sent up a proposal to Government for rendering rural medical aid.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): ഉൾനാടുകളിൽ പല സ്ഥലത്തും വൈദ്യസഹായം കിട്ടുന്നില്ലെന്ന ജനങ്ങൾ ഗവൺമെന്റിനെ അറിയിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Yes; from some parts petitions are received.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): മേക്കോട് എന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു മലമ്പനി ധാരാളം ഉണ്ടെന്നും അതിലേക്കു വൈദ്യസഹായം ആവശ്യമാണെന്നും ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേഷൻ ആഫീസർ ഗവണ്മെന്റിനെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): The Special Investigation Officer reported that malaria was prevalent in Meykod.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): മേക്കോട് മലമ്പനി ധാരാളമുള്ള സ്ഥലമാണെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Yes ; that is just what I have been saying.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ആ സ്ഥലത്തുള്ളവർക്കു വൈദ്യസഹായം ചെയ്യണമെന്നു പ്രജാസഭയിൽ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Sevrices*): The member himself has represented the matter, I think.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): ഈ ഡിസ്പെൻസറികൾ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ പ്രധാനമായിട്ടു ഗവണ്മെൻറു നോക്കുന്ന നയമെന്താണ് ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): When a request comes from the people Government tries to find out through the Medical Board whether the needs of the people are real.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): ഇപ്പോൾ തെക്കൻതിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ ഉൾനാടുകളിൽ പല സ്ഥലത്തും കാളറദീനം ഉള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ ? ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിലേക്കു ഗവണ്മെൻറു എന്തു് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു ?

MRS. M POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Yes. Government are aware. They have deputed two special officers for cholera duty.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): സ്പെഷ്യൽ ആഫീസർമാരെ അങ്ങിനെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

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MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Yes. Sir, that is just what I have been saying. The member evidently does not hear.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): കാളറദീനം ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു ഏതു വിധത്തിലാണ് ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു അറിവു കിട്ടുന്നതു്.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): At present the Tahsildar or the Sanitary Commissioner informs the Government.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): കല്ക്കുളം തഹശീൽദാർ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി എഴുതി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): I am not aware whether the Kalkulam Tahsildar has in this instance reported the matter.

MR T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): തഹശീൽദാരോടു ചോദിച്ചതിൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി എഴുതി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു് എന്നു പറയുന്നു. ഉൾനാടുകളിൽ പല സ്ഥലത്തും വൈദ്യസഹായം ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഉൾനാട്ടിലെ ജനങ്ങളാണു് കരം കൂട്ടുന്നതു കൊടുക്കുന്നതു.

ഇതിൻറെ അത്യാവശ്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി അവിടെയുള്ള ജനങ്ങളും പ്രജാസഭയിലും നിയമസഭയിലും അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. എന്നാൽ അഞ്ചോ ആറോ മാസം കഴിഞ്ഞു് അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒരന്വേഷണവും കഴിച്ചു് അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ഒരു സഹായം അവിടെ ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു തീരുമാനിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഒരു രാജ്യത്തിൻറെ പൊതുമുതൽ ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആരോഗ്യരക്ഷക്കു വിനിയോഗിക്കണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു അറിയുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): Is the member in order to make a speech now at this stage of the supplementary grant ?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇതു് ഒരു പ്രസംഗമാണെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ലാ. ചോദ്യമാണു്.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Sir, whenever requests have come from South Travancore, they have been enquired into.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether any of the members of the Medical Board have been sent to Devicolam in connection with plague duty.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഉൾനാടുകളിലുള്ള ദരിദ്രജനങ്ങളുടെ ആരോഗ്യരക്ഷയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ഗവണ്മെൻറു വേണ്ടതു ശരിയായി ചെയ്യുന്നു എന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

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MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*) Yes; Government is certainly doing a great deal.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): അങ്ങിനെ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനോട് വൈദ്യസഹായം ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്ന് അപേക്ഷിക്കുകയും പ്രജാസഭയിലും നിയമസഭയിലും വാദിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുമൊ ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): The member probably has in mind Meykod. The member himself brought up the question that a dispensary is indispensable at Meykod. The then Durbar Physician was of opinion that as Meykod was only about four miles from Kulasekharam, it was not necessary to establish a separate dispensary at Meykod. The Medical Officer at Kulasekharam visits Meykod twice a week and renders medical aid to the people there.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇപ്പോൾ അതു് നടന്നു വരുന്നുണ്ടൊ ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): I think so.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): കുലശേഖരം മെഡിക്കലാഫീസർ ആഴ്ചയിൽ രണ്ടുതവണ മേക്കോട് എന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു പോകുന്നുണ്ടൊ ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): മേക്കോട്ടു മാത്രമല്ലാ പോകുന്നതു്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇപ്പോഴും പോകുന്നുണ്ടൊ ? മുമ്പു് അങ്ങിനെ പോകൊണ്ടിരുന്നു. അവിടെ മലമ്പനിവന്നു വളരെ ആളുകൾ മരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു് ഏകദേശമെങ്കിലും ഒരറിവു മെഡിക്കൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനു സിദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ ? മലമ്പനി സാധാരണ കൂലിവേലക്കാരുടെ ഇടയിലാണ് ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതു് എന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു അറിയാമൊ ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Yes; the Medical Officer still visits these places. Government are aware that malaria is prevalent among the poorer classes.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): മലമ്പനിയെ തടയുന്നതിനു എന്തു സഹായമാണു് ചെയ്തതു്. കുലശേഖരം അടുത്താണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. മേക്കോട്ടുനിന്നും കുലശേഖരത്തേയ്ക്കു ൮ നാഴികദൂരമുണ്ടു്. തക്കലയ്ക്കു ൯ നാഴിക ദൂരമുണ്ടു്. മലമ്പനി പിടിച്ച സാധുക്കൾക്കു് ഇത്രദൂരം പോകുന്നതിനു സാധിക്കുമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ ? സാധുക്കളുടെ ആരോഗ്യത്തെ സംരക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടതു ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻറെ ധർമ്മമല്ലേ ?

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pay up the arrears of travelling allowance bills (pending with the Co-operative Registrar) of the honorary organisers of Co-operative Societies for last year.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is it for travelling allowance ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): Do you mean arrears of travelling allowance ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, for the year 1102, that is, last year's travelling allowance and not this year's. The system has been discontinued from the beginning of this year.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): എത്ര ആ ഗതെനസ മാരുടെ സഞ്ചാരപടിയ്ക്കാണ് ഈ ൨൦൦൦ രൂപാ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടന്നത്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): ൧൨ പേരാണ് മൊത്തം ഉള്ളത്. ൧൦ പേരുടെ ബിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): അവർ എപ്പോഴാണ് സഞ്ചരിച്ചത്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): അവർ കുറെമുമ്പെയാണ് സഞ്ചരിച്ചത്.. ഇപ്പോഴല്ല.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): ഇവരാണോ ഓരോ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരേയും മറ്റും നിയമിക്കാൻ റക്കമെൻറു ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): അതു് അവരുടെ പുതലല്ല.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): If it is the arrears for last year, why is it that this amount was not budgeted for in the last budget?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It was thought that the bills would have been paid at the end of last year, but subsequently the Registrar requested that some funds should be sanctioned as all the bills were not submitted before the end of last year.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): My question is why was not this amount included in the last budget.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Funds were allotted in 1102 but they were not spent fully. Some left arrears and did not prefer their claims at the time.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Are not these amounts paid monthly or at other definite periods?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The money due as T. A. would be given as and when the bills are presented and passed and not periodically.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): So, these bills were not in contemplation at the time of the preparation of the last budget? Were they not brought before the attention of the Registrar last year?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. It was only towards the end of Audi, that is to say, after the budget was prepared and passed that the Registrar brought this to the notice of Government.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): How long is it that this claim is outstanding?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): From the beginning of Vrischikam and Makaram of last year.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Why was it not paid then?

MR. P. N KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Because the claim was not preferred.

The Demand was put to the vote of the House and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXI—ANCHAL DEPARTMENT.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for an additional grant not exceeding Rs. 20 under Demand XXI—Anchal Department—for the appointment of two additional clerks in the Kottarakara Anchal Office, one on Rs. 20 per mensem and another on Rs. 15 per mensem. The amount is but nominal. The Anchal Superintendent reports that the expenditure that may be required for the appointment of these two additional clerks for the remaining period of the year, namely not more than Rs. 280, may be found from the savings under establishment charges sanctioned in the budget. But I come before this House in vindication of a principle. The Government are desirous of giving an opportunity to this House to vote upon the necessity for the appointment of these two additional clerks, because the expenditure may be recurring. The existing staff of the Kottarakara Anchal Office consists of a Master on Rs. 40 per mensem and a clerk on Rs. 20 per mensem. This staff was fixed at the time of the general reorganisation of the Anchal Department undertaken in 1096. Since then, the work of this office, the Anchal Superintendent reports, has considerably increased. He says that taking the figures for 1096 and 1102, the Savings Bank transactions increased from 122 to 1,115, the Handies issued and delivered from 4 5 6 to 40,023 and the registered articles issued and delivered from 9 307 to 1,24,179. In addition to these works, it has to be remembered that Kottarakara is the central sorting station which has 12 sub-offices under it. The fact that it is the central sorting station gives an addition to the work which is considerable. All through the night mails arrive which have

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